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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
DISAPPEARANCE OF HUGO FRANCISCO BELLAGAMBA

1. PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST OF JUNE 10TH, 1976 ON BEHALF OF JOHN POLLOK, DIRECTOR OF LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, THE EMBASSY MADE A FORMAL INQUIRY ON NOVEMBER 1976 TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HUGO FRANCISCO BELLAGAMBA. THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAS NO RECORD OF THE DETENTION OF MR. BELLAGAMBA NOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HIS WHEREABOUTS.

2. THE US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE. THIS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED BY THE EMBASSY AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU REGARDING ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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